

Remarks

Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-76 were pending in the present application. By this amendment, Applicants have withdrawn Claims 1-47.

I. Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect to prosecute Species IV identified by the Examiner, without traverse, and, consequently, elect to prosecute Claims 48-76 read on the elected species. It is possible that other claims, not currently elected, also read on the elected species. Accordingly, an action on the merits of Claims 48-76 is respectfully requested.

In response to the above requirement, Applicants have also withdrawn Claims 1-47 from consideration. Applicants, however, reserve the right to prosecute the withdrawn claims and other embodiments disclosed in the application in one or more divisional patent applications. Further, Applicants reserve the right to have one or more of the withdrawn claims considered if a generic claim is allowed.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request examination of Claims 48-76 on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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